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Post Operative Pain Management

You will be prescribed either a liquid or a pill analgesic. Typically pain medication that is taken by mouth has a faster onset of action with a stronger dosage of medication, however sometimes after oral cavity procedures, patients have difficulty swallowing pain medication by mouth. Thus we offer the following options:

TETRACINE LOLLIPOPOP

This lollipop releases a topical anesthetic that numbs everything it comes in contact with. The advantage of this is that it can soothe the oral cavity allowing for relief that sometimes makes swallowing oral medications more manageable. Because of the numbing agent some patients find the numbing sensation unpleasant. It can also be dissolved in a small amount of liquid, swished around the oral cavity and swallowed. The lollipop CAN be used with either the liquid or gel pain relief medication because it is not a narcotic.

TOPICAL NARCOTIC PAIN GEL

This can be applied to thin parts of skin like the wrist, neck or back of knees and is absorbed directly into the blood stream through the skin. Some patients are unable to tolerate oral pain medications because of oral cavity pain or nausea. Advantages of the gel include pain relief without swallowing medication, an option for pain control if vomiting and for use to help ease pain if patient is sleeping. The disadvantage is that many patients feel it is not as strong as the liquid narcotic. It also contains no acetaminophen or ibuprofen so these medications can be given with it. **Do not give the oral narcotic pain medication and the narcotic gel together as it can cause an overdose. Read all compounded medication directions well.**

All medications should be used as directed Please read the instructions about how much and how often medications can be administered. We cannot stress enough how much hydration helps with pain control! The transdermal nausea medication can be given with any of the above medications as well.